

CLAIMS

1. (original) Dye carrier composition containing oxidative and/or nonoxidative dyes, characterized in that it is free of fatty alcohol alkoxylates and that it contains a combination of
 - (a) at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 60 carbon atoms,
 - (b) at least one alkanolamide,
 - (c) at least one fatty ester and
 - (d) at least one anionic surfactant,the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) being equal to 1:4 to 4:1.
2. (original) Dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the fatty alcohol (a) and the alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio from 1:1.7 to 2:1.
3. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the weight ratio of fatty ester (c) to the anionic surfactant (d) is equal to 1:7 to 7:1.
4. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fatty alcohol (a) is selected from among cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, behenyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, isooctyl alcohol, isotridecyl alcohol, mixtures of C₃₀-C₅₀ alcohols and C₄₀-C₆₀ alcohols as well as a mixture of these compounds.
5. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the alkanolamide (b) is selected from among the N-acyl derivatives of monoethanolamine or di-ethanolamine.
6. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fatty ester (c) is selected from among the monofatty acid or difatty acid esters of ethylene glycol, mono-fatty acid or difatty acid esters of polyethylene glycol and monofatty acid or difatty acid esters of glycerol.
7. (original) Dye carrier composition as defined in claim 6, characterized in that the fatty acid ester (c) is selected from among ethylene glycol distearate, glyceryl dioleate, glyceryl stearate, glyceryl di-stearate, glyceryl dibehenate and PEG-3 distearate.
8. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized in that the ani-onic surfactant (d) is selected from among the salts and esters of carboxylic acids, alkyl ether sulfates, alkyl sulfates, fatty alcohol ether sulfates, sulfonic acids and the salts thereof, phosphate esters and the salts thereof and

acylamino acids and the salts thereof.

9. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fatty alcohol (a) and the alkanolamide (b) are contained in said composition in a total amount from 6 to 20 weight percent each.

10. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fatty ester (c) and the anionic surfactant (d) are contained in said composition in a total amount from 0.1 to 15 weight percent each.

11. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, characterized in that it is free of monomeric quaternary ammonium compounds and cationic emulsifiers and surfactants.

12. (currently amended) Agent for oxidative coloring of hair, characterized in that it is obtained by mixing a dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1 with an oxidant.

13. (original) Agent as defined in claim 12, characterized in that the oxidant is hydrogen peroxide.

14. Use of a combination of
(a) at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 60 carbon atoms,
(b) at least one alkanolamide,
(c) at least one fatty ester and
(d) at least one anionic surfactant,
the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) being equal to 1:4 to 4:1,
for creating a nacreous luster effect in dye carrier compositions and in colorants for keratin fibers, particularly human hair.

15. Use of a combination of
(a) 6 to 20 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 60 carbon atoms,
(b) 6 to 20 weight percent of at least one alkanolamide,
(c) 0.1 to 15 weight percent of at least one fatty ester and
(d) 0.1 to 15 weight percent of at least one anionic surfactant,
the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) being equal to 1:4 to 4:1
for creating a nacreous luster effect in dye carrier compositions and in colorants for keratin fibers, particularly human hair.

16. (currently amended) Use as defined in claim 14 ~~or 15~~, characterized in that the

weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) is equal to 1:1.7 to 2:1.